

# Comment on the Department of Energy's Yucca Mountain Draft Environmental Impact Statement

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I agree with the following statements which I have checked:



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☐ The No Action Alternatives are not reasonable. The EIS should have a reasonable no action alternative.

☒ The EIS is inadequate because it uses outdated 1990 census data rather than current population data for Nevada.

☒ The analysis of transportation impacts in Nevada is insufficient for making modal, corridor and route decisions.

☒ The floodplain analysis is insufficient for corridor and route selection

☐ The impact of stigma on tourism, recreation and agriculture based economies in Nevada should be analyzed.

☒ The EIS should analyze the impacts of a crash between a military airplane and a nuclear waste rail car.

☐ Other *If transported by rail or highway, what provision is made for safety during transport? How do you prevent highway or rail accidents?*

## Comments:

The Department of Energy's Yucca Mountain Draft Environmental Impact Statement includes an option to construct a rail line from Beowawe to Yucca Mountain through Crescent Valley to transport nuclear waste to Yucca Mountain. DOE is required to consider all comments submitted regarding the impacts of building and operating a repository including transportation.

My comments for the record are:

*It seems to me that the choice of Yucca Mt in Nevada, where there are no Interstate Highway Connections or Rail Connections to the site, was made without consideration of the people in Nevada, but because we have a lower population and lower representation in ~~Nevada~~ Congress. When all these other states voted to build the nuclear sites they should have considered first how the radioactive material would be hauled and where it would be "stored". In the beginning of the decisions to build reactors was the time to determine where disposal would be & how. I live in Crescent Valley, the area proposed to build a rail site across Nevada to Yucca Mt. And the DOE still has not researched the safety involved in shipping this material across the country through our area and more populated areas, as well. I say, research a safer way to dispose of radioactive material - that does not require a population across the entire United States. Keep the disposal where the Reactors are located.*

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